



June 3rd



On this day in...



2009: Low pressure off the central California coast triggered bands of convection and numerous thunderstorms that produced over 1500 cloud-to-ground lightning strikes, gusty winds, and a few hail storms over Southern California. Hail up to one inch in diameter fell in Carmel Valley. Rainfall was very light in all areas. Strong winds felled a tree onto a passing vehicle in Big Bear Lake, crushing the car and killing the driver. Lightning struck and killed a woman in Fontana. Six were severely burned and injured when lightning struck a fence next to them in San Bernardino. Lightning struck a palm tree in San Marcos, which critically



These perspectives from the northern Inland Empire illustrate the spectacular cloud features of this rare thunderstorm outbreak on this day in 2009.

injured a man underneath. Apartments in Riverside were struck by lightning, starting a fire. About 70 small brush fires were started by lightning across the region.

1999: A cold late season storm that started on 6/2 and ended on this day brought the latest measurable snowfall on record to the mountains. Three inches of snow was reported at Mt. Laguna and one inch at Wrightwood. During a period starting on this day and ending on 6/4 a waterspout was observed off Laguna Beach and a funnel cloud was observed one mile off San Clemente. The unseasonable cold so late in the season brought high temperatures of only 42° at Palomar Mountain and Mt. Laguna on this day.

1971: It was 45° in Borrego Springs, the lowest temperature on record for June.